

## Surface Transportation Board, DOT

## §1019.5

legally enforceable. To exercise this right, the debtor must:

(1) Send a written request for a review of the evidence to the address provided in the notice.

(2) State in the request the amount disputed and the reasons why the debtor believes that the debt is not past-due or is not legally enforceable.

(3) Include in the request any documents which the debtor wishes to be considered or state that additional information will be submitted within the 60-day period.

(b) *Submission of evidence.* The debtor may submit evidence showing that all or part of the debt is not past-due or not legally enforceable along with the notification required by paragraph (a) of this section. Failure to submit the notification and evidence within 60 days will result in an automatic referral of the debt to the IRS without further action by the Board.

(c) *Review of the evidence.* The Board will consider all available evidence related to the debt. Within 30 days, if feasible, the Board will notify the debtor whether the Board has sustained, amended, or canceled its determination that the debt is past-due and legally enforceable.

### §1018.95 Board determination.

(a) Following review of the evidence, the Board will issue a written decision which will include the supporting rationale for the decision.

(b) If the Board either sustains or amends its determination, it shall notify the debtor of its intent to refer the debt to the IRS for offset against the debtor's Federal income tax refund. If the Board cancels its original determination, the debt will not be referred to IRS.

### §1018.96 Stay of offset.

If the debtor timely notifies the Board that the debtor is exercising the right described in §1018.94(a) of this subpart, any notice to the IRS will be stayed until the issuance of a written decision which sustains or amends its original determination.

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### §1019.1 Cross-reference to employee ethical conduct standards and financial disclosure regulations.

Members and employees of the Surface Transportation Board also should refer to the executive branch Standards of Ethical Conduct at 5 CFR part 2635, the STB regulations at 5 CFR part 5001 which supplement the executive branch standards, and the executive branch financial disclosure regulations at 5 CFR part 2634.

### §1019.2 Interpretation and advisory service.

(a) The Board's Executive Counsel shall be the Board's Designated Agency Ethics Official (DAEO).

(b) By June 30 of each year, the DAEO shall report to the Board on the operation of the Board's ethics program with any recommendations that the DAEO deems advisable.

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### §1019.3 Ex parte communications.

Members and employees of the Board must conform to the standards adopted by the Board in 49 CFR 1102.2.

### §1019.4 Use of intoxicants.

Members and employees of the Board shall not use alcohol, drugs, or other intoxicants so as to impede the discharge of their official duties.

### §1019.5 Sexual harassment.

(a) Members and employees shall not engage in harassment on the basis of